

**BULLETIN
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS****FDCH 11-2010****August 9, 2010****SUBJECT: Additional Information on Extending Categorical Eligibility to
Additional Children in a Household****CONTACT: Louise Frey PH: (801) 538-7696**

This bulletin provides additional information concerning extending categorical eligibility to additional children in a household.

Any child or adult receiving SNAP, FDPIR or FEP benefits is always categorically eligible for free meals (higher tier I rate reimbursement) and their eligibility extends to all household members for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) as long as at least one case number is on the Income Eligibility Form.

If parents share physical custody of a child who eligible for free meals because of SNAP, FDPIR or FEP, the child will remain classified as free at either parents home. Below are two examples when other family members may or may not be eligible for free meals.

- 1) The **child** is receiving SNAP, FDPIR or FEP and is eligible for free meals. In this case, other family members in either household may be claimed as free as long as other family members are listed on the IEF.
- 2) If the **parent or another household member** receives SNAP, FDPIR or FEP the child can be eligible for free meals. The child will remain eligible for free meals when visiting or living at the other home, however, no one in the other home is eligible for free meals based on the child's eligibility.

While a non-area eligible provider may not receive SNAP, FDPIR or FEP benefits but a child in her household does, the provider is eligible to be tier I.

If a child receiving SNAP, FDPIR or FEP benefits moves in with a provider and her family that was not previously eligible for tier I rates, the provider would be eligible for tier I. The same is true if an eligible child moves in with any family; the rest of the family would be eligible for higher rate reimbursement as well, whether it was the provider's own family or a daycare family.

If an adult in the Adult Day Care part of the CACFP receives SNAP, FEP or FDPIR benefits, the other family members in the household are also categorically eligible.

If eligibility is based on a school-age child's receipt of benefits, a school's or district's benefit determination letter showing the child is eligible for free or reduced price meals can be used in place of an IEF.

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